(e) if so, the details including the grant sanctioned, if any; and

(f) details of the steps taken/to be taken to prevent such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (f) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Afghan Citizens in the Country

679. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Afghan citizens in India;

(b) what is the estimated number of those who entered India illegally;

(c) what is the number of those who have been charged with criminal activities; and

(d) what is their number in prison/jail and nature of offences they are charged with?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) The number of registered Afghan citizens in India is 18826.

(b) While estimate of the exact number of Afghans who entered in India illegally may not be possible, however, such illegal entrants on detection are granted exit to leave the country. A total of 840 such Afghans have been granted exit since 1998. Apart from this a total number of 366 Afghans who reportedly entered India without passports/travel documents have now applied for registration.

(c) The number of Afghans citizens charged with criminal activities is 80.

(d) The number of Afghan citizen in Prison/Jail is 31. Most of the cases pertain to violation of Foreigners Act.

Directions to Fight Terrorism

680. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the aftermath of the terrorists attack on Parliament House on December 13, 2001, Government has taken any steps and issued any